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My understanding of the settlement is that Microsoft will be providing hardware with their operating system, and some of their applications on all the computers. These systems will be given to schools that would otherwise not afford these systems.

On the surface it looks great. BUT! This is exactly what Microsoft has done all along. Give away product with the knowledge that you get people hooked on their product and they will be back for more. Not only will the schools be hooked but the students, teachers, parents etc.

This is far from a fair to others in the computer industry. This is not punishment but rather a reward.

Why not make Microsoft give the schools the money. Then lets the schools choose between vendors other than Microsoft for the hardware and operating system, and applications.

If not that, just make them pay the fine at the very least!

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